

FRESNO, CA - Congressman Jim Costa announced today (Wednesday Dec. 14, 2005) that Fresno Career Development Institute, Inc. will be the recipient of a grant of over \$600,000 from the Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor.

"It is often necessary for groups to work together to foster change," Costa noted. "For this reason," the Fresno lawmaker continued, "Fresno Career Development Institute will partner with various organizations throughout Fresno City and County to provide services which will aid the transition for prisoners upon re-entry into society.

Congressman Costa pointed out the need for such programs stating, "The ability of our community to provide job training and basic living options speaks to our humanitarian efforts of lending a helping hand when called upon."

Fresno Career Development Institute will utilize the \$660,000 grant for employment development services, education services and pre-release outreach activities.